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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Percent Change from Nov. 1983	Percent Change from Dec. 1982	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	289.1	303.5	303.1	292.4	0.1	3.8	1.2
Food & Beverage	278.2	286.5	285.3	279.1	0.4	2.7	4.9
Housing	314.7	327.4	327.0	316.3	0.1	3.5	1.2
Apparel and Upkeep	191.8	199.3	200.7	193.6	−0.7	2.9	−8.7
Transportation	291.5	306.3	306.3	294.8	—	3.9	—
Medical Care	328.7	366.2	364.9	344.3	0.4	6.4	4.9
Entertainment	235.8	249.5	249.5	240.1	—	3.9	—

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Percent Change from Nov. 1983	Percent Change from Dec. 1982
All Commodities	299.3	306.0	305.6	300.7	0.1	1.8
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	248.9	257.8	256.0	244.8	0.7	5.3
Industrial Commodities	312.3	318.4	318.3	315.2	—	1.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Dec 1983	Nov 1983	Dec 1982
FARGO–MOORHEAD SMSA			
Total	64,020	64,430	62,590
Mining and Construction	2,610	3,120	2,550
Manufacturing	4,590	4,670	4,630
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,800	3,840	3,950
Wholesale Trade	6,570	6,580	6,430
Retail Trade	12,390	12,180	12,050
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,850	3,900	3,800
Services	16,410	16,330	15,820
Government	13,750	13,810	13,440
GRAND FORKS SMSA			
Total	37,810	37,370	37,100
Mining and Construction	1,120	1,360	1,180
Manufacturing	2,740	2,760	2,430
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,230	2,230	2,290
Wholesale Trade	1,980	1,970	2,010
Retail Trade	8,240	8,120	8,180
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,460	1,450	1,440
Services	8,600	8,600	8,220
Government	11,440	11,240	11,350
BISMARCK SMSA			
Total	35,580	35,890	34,250
Mining and Construction	2,020	2,400	2,010
Manufacturing	1,940	2,010	1,940
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,850	2,860	2,910
Wholesale Trade	2,460	2,470	2,360
Retail Trade	7,290	7,200	6,920
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,660	1,690	1,660
Services	9,670	9,620	9,060
Government	7,690	7,640	7,390

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
United States									
Manufacturing	372.86	366.38	344.60	41.2	40.8	39.7	9.05	8.98	8.68
Durable	403.08	396.33	371.45	41.9	41.5	40.2	9.62	9.55	9.24
Nondurable	330.44	326.80	310.85	40.2	40.0	39.1	8.22	8.17	7.95
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	301.84	304.20	300.62	38.5	38.9	39.4	7.84	7.82	7.63
Durable	321.36	327.98	311.22	39.0	39.9	39.0	8.24	8.22	7.98
Nondurable	289.56	288.78	293.83	38.2	38.3	39.6	7.58	7.54	7.42
Fargo-Moorhead SMSA									
Manufacturing	315.70	319.94	316.74	38.5	38.5	40.4	8.20	8.31	7.84
Durable	315.93	338.37	309.82	37.7	39.3	37.6	8.38	8.61	8.24
Nondurable	315.93	307.80	320.19	39.1	38.0	41.8	8.08	8.10	7.66

LABOR FORCE

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Percent Change from Nov. 1983	Percent Change from Dec. 1982
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	113,824	113,720	112,538	0.1	1.1
Employment	104,629	104,291	100,644	0.3	4.0
Unemployment	9,195	9,429	11,894	−2.5	−22.7
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.3%	10.6%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA 1/					
Labor Force	294,660	296,740	299,040	−0.7	−1.5
Employment	276,080	280,780	279,580	−1.7	−1.3
Unemployment	18,580	15,960	19,460	16.4	−4.5
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	5.4%	6.5%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD SMSA 1/					
Labor Force	73,730	73,110	72,230	0.8	2.1
Employment	69,960	70,400	68,160	−0.6	2.6
Unemployment	3,770	2,710	4,070	39.1	−7.4
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	3.7%	5.6%	—	—
GRAND FORKS SMSA 1/					
Labor Force	42,270	42,270	41,830	—	1.1
Employment	39,740	39,970	39,100	−0.6	1.6
Unemployment	2,530	2,300	2,730	10.0	−7.3
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.4%	6.5%	—	—
BISMARCK SMSA 1/					
Labor Force	38,090	37,940	37,810	0.4	0.7
Employment	35,180	35,480	35,450	−0.8	−0.8
Unemployment	2,910	2,460	2,350	18.3	23.8
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	6.5%	6.2%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted; other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead SMSA includes Cass and Clay counties; the Grand Forks SMSA includes Grand Forks and Polk counties; and the Bismarck SMSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties.

1/ November and December 1983 are revised to the 3/83 benchmark. December 1982 is based on the 3/82 benchmark.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	252,010	254,430	249,560
Mining	6,900	6,900	7,910
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,350	5,220	6,390
Other Mining	1,550	1,680	1,520
Construction	16,150	19,030	15,400
Manufacturing	15,130	15,310	14,680
Durable Goods	6,120	6,320	5,930
Nondurable Goods	9,010	8,990	8,750
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,430	16,560	16,550
Trade	66,680	66,250	66,860
Wholesale	19,830	19,980	20,560
Retail	46,850	46,270	46,300
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	11,890	11,860	11,830
Services	56,170	56,110	54,680
Government	62,660	62,410	61,550
Federal	9,500	9,480	9,300
State	19,150	19,150	18,290
Local	34,010	33,780	34,060

LABOR FORCE by County, by Region December 1983

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1	Divide	3,494	1,414	1,351	63	4.5%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,665	3,495	170	4.6%
	Williams	22,237	14,137	13,325	812	5.7%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	19,216	18,171	1,045	5.4%
2	Bottineau	9,338	3,619	3,387	232	6.4%
	Burke	3,822	1,704	1,627	77	4.5%
	McHenry	7,858	2,775	2,485	290	10.5%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,175	2,936	239	7.5%
	Pierce	6,166	2,637	2,492	145	5.5%
	Renville	3,608	1,349	1,272	77	5.7%
	Ward	58,392	23,262	21,613	1,649	7.1%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	38,521	35,812	2,709	7.0%
3	Benson	7,944	2,871	2,537	334	11.6%
	Cavalier	7,636	2,991	2,748	243	8.1%
	Eddy	3,554	1,488	1,314	174	11.7%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,127	5,747	380	6.2%
	Rolette	12,177	4,493	3,891	602	13.4%
	Towner	4,052	1,821	1,737	84	4.6%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	19,791	17,974	1,817	9.2%
4	Grand Forks	66,100	26,116	24,900	1,216	4.7%
	Nelson	5,233	2,392	2,171	221	9.2%
	Pembina	10,399	5,308	4,797	511	9.6%
	Walsh	15,371	7,401	6,932	469	6.3%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	41,217	38,800	2,417	5.9%
5	Cass	88,247	44,653	42,868	1,785	4.0%
	Ransom	6,698	2,589	2,472	117	4.5%
	Richland	19,207	7,842	7,465	377	4.8%
	Sargent	5,512	2,248	2,108	140	6.2%
	Steele	3,106	1,144	1,108	36	3.1%
	Traill	9,624	4,196	4,084	112	2.7%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	62,672	60,105	2,567	4.1%
6	Barnes	13,960	5,755	5,390	365	6.3%
	Dickey	7,207	3,000	2,892	108	3.6%
	Foster	4,611	1,995	1,891	104	5.2%
	Griggs	3,714	1,441	1,364	77	5.3%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,229	2,094	135	6.1%
	Logan	3,493	1,200	1,129	71	5.9%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,133	2,023	110	5.2%
	Stutsman	24,154	10,699	9,978	721	6.7%
	Wells	6,979	3,060	2,778	282	9.2%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	31,512	29,539	1,973	6.3%
7	Burleigh	54,811	25,991	24,171	1,820	7.0%
	Emmons	5,877	2,126	1,902	224	10.5%
	Grant	4,274	1,363	1,282	81	5.9%
	Kidder	3,833	1,296	1,117	179	13.8%
	McLean	12,288	5,016	4,519	497	9.9%
	Mercer	9,378	8,577	8,067	510	5.9%
	Morton	25,177	12,094	11,009	1,085	9.0%
	Oliver	2,495	939	862	77	8.2%
	Sheridan	2,819	980	948	32	3.3%
	Sioux	3,620	1,246	1,144	102	8.2%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	59,628	55,021	4,607	7.7%
8	Adams	3,584	1,784	1,715	69	3.9%
	Billings	1,138	652	626	26	4.0%
	Bowman	4,229	1,966	1,886	80	4.1%
	Dunn	4,627	1,943	1,783	160	8.2%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,140	1,071	69	6.1%
	Hettinger	4,275	1,668	1,569	99	5.9%
	Slope	1,157	398	379	19	4.8%
	Stark	23,697	12,552	11,633	919	7.3%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	22,103	20,662	1,441	6.5%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	294,660	276,084	18,576	6.3%